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The LEGO Ninjago Movie (2017)

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Five Times Everyone Thought The Green Ninja Was Dating Lloyd Garmadon

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Summary:

and the one time he proved that they weren't.

Notes:

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lmaooo this idea is just really funny to me.

:timeline starts around a fortnight before the canon movie, with #5 being a week before the movie and the +1 during the movie:

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(See the end of the work for more notes (#work_endnotes) and other works inspired by this one (#children) .)

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1 - Garmadon

His dad didn't attack the city on weekends.

Lloyd didn't know if that was because he was somehow religious or it was the two days that he would come up with evil plans. But, for some strange reason, he was saddled on top of his mech dragon and soaring through the skies of Ninjago City on a Sunday.

"Black, Red, you take to the west of the city. White, Blue, east. Teal, take to the waters. I'll go after Garmadon." Lloyd ordered his team.

"Hey, why do you always get to go after Garmadon," whined Blue, "maybe the rest of us could go for you, it almost seems a bit personal."

It was personal in the fact that Garmadon was Lloyd's father, causing him torment every day. Kids on the bus sat on the opposite row from him and at least three seats away. People stared him down in hallways and muttered a sarcastic *'thanks lloyd'* whenever the siren for a Garmadon attack went off. He was the reason a song insulting Lloyd made it to the top of the charts.

"Do you wanna stand face to face with Garmadon?" Lloyd replied. Blue was silent, as he watched the bird-like mech speed off east with White rolling on after him on the streets.

"He's right about it sounding personal though," was the last thing Red said as his fire mech marched off the opposite direction. Lloyd watched all his friends embark to their tasks, then swooping towards the warlord.

"Garmadon!" Lloyd shouted out, catching the man's attention. The mech slowly turned towards the masked teen.

"Green Ninja," greeted Garmadon, "I was wondering when you would get here."

"Why are you attacking the city today?!" Lloyd stood up on his mech. His father leaned forwards in his own.

"I've heard you're dating my boy, Green Ninja." said Garmadon, looming over the masked teen.

Lloyd blinked up at him, "uh- what?"

Garmadon ignored him, continuing on, "now, now, I'm not mad, us Garmadons are... uniquely smart, handsome, strong," his father said, unashamedly checking out his reflection in his rearview mirror, twisting it to look at himself.

Lloyd tried to cut in, "I'm not sure-"

"I dated my last archenemy for a few years, it was dangerous but... thrilling," the warlord barrelled on, as Lloyd cringed at the thought of his father having a love life.

"But," Garmadon turned his full attention back on Lloyd, towering over him as his grin turned menacing, "if you are only dating him to get close to me, I swear I will tear out your guts and strangle you with them."

"I-!" Lloyd yelped, backing away. "Uh, I'm not, I swear!"

For a moment, Garmadon didn't move, "good talk, green ninja," he said, before, with a dramatic flair of his cape, he sauntered off, leading off the entirety of his army, which Lloyd's friends had rounded up.

Lloyd watched him go, jaw dropped open and eyes blinking sluggishly. *'what just happened?'*

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2 - Koko

"Tadaima!" Lloyd called out to the apartment as he slipped off his shoes.

"Okaeri!" greeted Koko with a hug to her son, who hugged back. "How was your day?"

"It was good, I guess." Lloyd nodded. "What's for dinner?"

"Well, I was a bit busy at the museum so it's onigiri." Koko sighed.

Lloyd smiled at his mom. "It's okay. I like onigiri. Is there salmon in it?" Koko nodded, sitting at the table with him. The light outside was dimming, the electric glow of the city just turning on for the night just outside their window. Lloyd was perfectly content with just riceballs.

"So, Lloyd," Koko started once they were just about done, "I watched the news today."

"Oh? Something interesting happen?" asked Lloyd.

"There's an article trending all the way from yesterday," said Koko. Lloyd froze up.

The article spoken of was of "Five Reasons The Green Ninja and Lloyd Garmadon Are Dating" and stated five reasons they could have a relationship. The Green Ninja was often seen being around Wu, the old ninja master and Lloyd Garmadon's uncle living in the boat at the docks, along with Lloyd being seen near wherever the Green Ninja was fighting off his father. It would also give the Green Ninja a way to know more about his enemy and possibly leverage against Garmadon using his son, also with the Green Ninja never being caught talking bad about the son of Garmadon, sometimes even defending him to his teammates and citizens. On top of it all, the clearest evidence was the fact that the Green Ninja was seen climbing into Lloyd's window late at night. That was the selling point for most people.

"Uh-"

"Now, I'm not mad, just really happy my baby found somebody he loves!" Koko cooed, reaching over to pinch her son's cheeks. "What's he like?"

"No, mom, no," Lloyd laughed nervously, gently patting her hand away, "I'm not... dating... the Green Ninja."

"What? Then who comes in through your bedroom window?" Koko tilted her head, effectively making Lloyd choke on his drink. After coughing for a few seconds, he looked at his mom. "Don't tell me you didn't think I wouldn't hear someone sneaking in some odd nights."

"Wha- huh?" Lloyd couldn't believe his ears- *how long had she known he was coming in?*

"Who is it then? I'm not mad, I just want whoever it is to be getting a good night's sleep too." assured Koko.

"I- um..." Lloyd didn't really have excuses to come up with for his mom. He didn't even want to lie to her. "The Green Ninja. Yeah."

"The Green Ninja comes in a lot of nights?" Koko blinked.

"It's not a... romantic... relationship." Lloyd rubbed the back of his head.

Koko nodded. "Well, I'll still be glad my boy found somebody he can trust. Tell your friend to grab something from the fridge whenever, okay?"

"Right..." Lloyd smiled anxiously, letting out a small breath of relief as his pumping heart became quieter in his ears and the heat rising off his body cooled.

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3 - Classmates

Lloyd didn't particularly love going to school.

It started with everyone texting whomever at the bus stop as soon as he got there. Then, boarding the bus everyone always moved to sit at least three seats away from him. Once at school, everyone he could see would stop, stare, whisper, and even some of the bolder ones would point. There was no point, really, when everyone knew who it was. Then, the notes shoved into his locker. Let's just say they weren't love letters. Then, no matter what he did no teacher ever really trusted him, even going to him sitting at their desks to do tests or homework points being deducted due to the latest Garmadon attack. Along with having to eat lunch in the janitor's closet, where none of the cheerleading squad or any other bullies for a matter of fact could get to him.

That was how Lloyd thought his day was going to be like.

With his usual kiss goodbye to his mom, he headed to the bus station, where the usual four kids there all whipped out their phones per usual and started to text. Lloyd's shoulders sagged slightly, when the bus pulled up. The four kids, Skylor, Daiki, Alina, and Kian, boarded faster than him, when everyone paused what they were doing or fighting about when Lloyd stepped into the aisle. Then the whispering, as he sat down on his usual left side of the bus, fourth row. The bus started off to school with faint whispers of *'dating green nin-'* or *'-ationship with the gree-'*.

At school, nothing but dead silence greeted the teen as he made his way to his locker. Opening it, four notes popped out. A little more than the usual one to two. It was probably about that article that he was dating himself, which came out on Saturday, Sunday with the unplanned Shovel Talk Attack and having the rushed interview with Gale Gossip, with Monday morning of people berating him for his supposed relationship with his alter ego.

The first one was written on the edge of a ripped note paper, simply stating *'stay away from the green ninja freak!!!!!!!!'* in standard blue pen, all capitals and underlined twice. The next one was a post-it, with barely eligible handwriting that looked like a two year old wrote it, saying *'dont u dare toch the ninjua'* in angry red pen. The third note was just on plain white paper, reading in simple handwriting in pencil *'garmadon gave the green ninja a shovel talk about you. were friends with the green ninja. this is our warning to you.'* with a sketch of the water, earth, and lightning ninjas on it. The last note was written on graphing paper, with only the usual *'ur dads bad & so r u'*. Lloyd resisted the urge to correct the grammar errors in every single one of the notes but the first one.

He shoved them all into his bag and grabbed his textbooks, shutting the door loudly enough to startle everyone around him back into silence.

At lunch break, Lloyd traded in his textbooks for his lunch, the slam of the door louder than it would've been if the halls weren't deserted. The sound of high schoolers was muted through the window to the courtyard, where a large amount of them had gone for lunch in the new spring-to-summer transition.

Lloyd started down the halls to the janitor's closet, where he usually his to keep away from the many bullies and especially the cheerleading squad.

"Hello," a almost mechanical voice interrupted the quiet. Lloyd pounced up into the air. "I apologize, I did not realize that would be the upcoming reaction."

"No, it's fine, I guess," said Lloyd, "just expected you to be somebody else."

"Ah. I am Zane, a normal teenager alike yourself." Introduced Zane.

"Yeah, right. Normal." Lloyd chuckled.

"Is that amusing? You are Lloyd Garmadon, fifteen years of age with a criminal record of... jaywalking. Two years ago."

"I was an evil little thirteen year old."

"I have come to you upon the terms of your supposed scandalous romantic relationship with the Green Ninja."

"We aren't together. I've had to say that a lot for some time now."

"Oh? It appears I may have misjudged the situation then."

"Yeah, probably. Sorry. You can go to your friends now."

"It is quite alright. Apologies for your inconvenience."

"No, I should be saying sorry. My dad's the one who ruins our lives."

"Humans are strange creatures. When you cannot bring justice upon the main problem, you go to ostracize the next closest thing. I have never understood that part of humanity. You have done no wrong, and yet are being treated horribly because of items outside of your jurisdiction."

With that, Zane turned down the hall, leaving Lloyd with those words and in front of the janitor's closet.

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4 - News

At least there was no Garmadon attack on Monday.

Though, Lloyd couldn't help but notice the group of newscasters at the bus stop when he got off. He recognized Gale Gossip, the on-the-field reporter, and Vinny the cameraman for NGTV news. The only reason he knew Vinny was because he had been his father's roommate some time back and Vinny had been there the only time he visited Garmadon. The memory of Vinny sneaking him a small pack of gummy bears had never left his mind years after the event happened.

"Lloyd Garmadon?!" Gale shouted out as the five of them got off at that stop. Alina glared at him as she rushed away, pulling out her phone in the process. "Ah, Lloyd! Mind if we ask you some questions?

"No, sorry, I really have to go." Lloyd covered his face with his hood and his hands, trying to gently push by Gale. She wasn't having it, by shoving the mic into his face.

"Are you really in a relationship with the Green Ninja?" Questioned Gale.

"Please don't bother me," Lloyd pleaded, trying to keep walking. With a glance at Vinny's apologetic face, Lloyd quickened his pace. The two news reporters matched it.

"What's it like to date the legendary ninja?" Gale interrogated.

"I'm not dating anyone, please just let me go home." Lloyd abruptly turned to enter Doomsday Comicx, the one place that he felt safe in public as Lloyd Garmadon. Gale also tried to enter, but Mother Doomsday, Rufus, blocked their paths with some bullcrap excuse of *'no private cameras on my property'*. Lloyd snuck behind some shelves, eyes browsing the comics. Lightning Boy. Pheonix Wars. Hazard Knights.

"Hey. Any reason the cameras are onto you?" Mother Doomsday came around the corner, scaring Lloyd.

"Some article." Lloyd mumbled. "Is the new issue of Starfarer out?"

"Yep. Saved you a copy. Want me to ring it up for you?"

"Is that even a question?"

Mother Doomsday turned the corner to the cash register. Lloyd turned back to the comics and sighed, then turning to the back wall of the tiny shop. A poster of the Secret Ninja Force hung there, himself in the centre with the of the five ninjas surrounding him.

"They're cool, right?" A voice next him startled Lloyd out of his empty thoughts.

"Uh, yeah." Lloyd stepped away from this guy.

"Which is your favourite?"

"I'd say Teal. The only girl has to be hard, and the power of water seems cool."

"Huh, I prefer Blue. Electricity and all is nice."

"Oh. Well, I gotta go." Gestured Lloyd to the cash register. The other person blinked then nodded. Lloyd quickly slipped away, pulling out his wallet to pay for the comic.

After he was done and had the comic in his hands, Lloyd glanced back at the guy who'd asked him for his favourite ninja. He was staring at the poster, then glancing at Lloyd and back at the sheet of paper stuck there. Weirdo.

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5 - Ninja

"Hey, Green Bean, nice job with the missiles!" Shouted Kai as he jumped down from his Fire Mech.

Teal looked over, "great job breaking part of your upper arm on your mech, Red! Giving Morro something to do in his free time!"

"I believe that was sarcasm." White pointed out. Kai didn't exactly know the origins of Morro, though he was probably one of Sensei Wu's earlier students. After some freak accident that nobody talked about, Morro was just a college kid who Kai was definitely sure smoked crack from time to time and hadn't slept for the past seventy-two hours. He was the mechanic of the team, the one who made their mechs, and was also really emo and was really good at Prime Empire. Also, he went to prison for five months. Kai had no idea why Sensei Wu still welcomed him after prison, but to each their own.

"Yeah, we really showed Garmadon today." Black nodded.

"....but he's still coming back within the next week." Squeaked Blue.

Green sighed. "Yeah, but if we could just figure out some way to make sure he *stays away*-"

"Why don't you ask that boyfriend of yours?" Retorted Kai, and if Blue was drinking something, he would've choked on it.

"Wh- what?" Green's head snapped over to him. "You mean ask Lloyd Garmadon?"

"You're dating, right? Just ask. He's gotta know something about his dad." Teal mentioned as she tended to a bruise on her left shoulder.

Green sputtered. "I- I'm not dating him!"

"You sure about that, Shamrock?" Black raised an eyebrow.

"Other evidence proves otherwise." White interrupted. "As in, Lloyd himself denying any form of a relationship."

"Yes, thank you White!" Groaned Green, collapsing into the sofa.

"Mmmm, I'm still pretty sure you have something going with Lloyd." Blue sat on the edge of the sofa, where Green sat up so that his friend could have more space.

"Oh come on!" Green threw his hands in the air.

"Yeah, I mean dating your arch-menesis's son?" Kai walked up to them.

"Arch-nemesis. Nemesis." Black corrected before White could.

"The reasoning behind an enemy being called an arch-nemesis is because the word 'arch' in Greek meaning 'to lead', and Nemesis being the greek goddess of rev-" Started White reading off of Wikipiecedia.

"No one cares about schmucks like that, White!" Kai called over.

"I'm not dating him, how many times do I have to tell you?!" Green mumbled into his hands.

"Don't worry, Kermit, after Garmadon gave you a shovel talk, we gave Lloyd one." Black pat his shoulder.

"I don't know if a drawing of us and a vaguely threatening note is enough." Stuttered Blue.

"Wait, that was you?!" Green jumped away.

"So you know about our note?" Smirked Teal under the mask, Kai could tell she did.

"W-well I mean I- I-" Green stammered. "Okay, I sneak into his bedroom window!"

"Wait, really?" Came the overlapped replies of everyone else on the team.

"Hello, students." A mysterious voice popped in behind them.

"Sensei Wu!" Was the instant response from the teens. Then, it instantly went to chaos as the seven voices went separate ways.

Wu moved to the front of the warehouse. "What do you think went well this time?"

There was more overrun chatter, but somehow it almost seemed like Sensei Wu could understand it all.

"And things that didn't go so well?" More indistinguishable answers that only someone like Wu could get, as he nodded at all the answers.

"Green! Meet me at the boat. Everyone else can go home." Wu ordered. Everyone turned to look at that colour of ninja, and when they turned back to their Sensei, he was gone.

"Someone's in trouble," Teal whispered.

"Or getting a shovel talk from his boyfriend's uncle," Black replied in the same tone.

Green stumbled away from them, and Kai watched him board the boat. When he turned around after hearing some hushed goodbyes, Teal and Black were gone. Blue was rolling his ankles, where White was cracking his knuckles, which almost sounded like pieces of machinery being snapped into place.

Kai tripped Blue. "Bye, guys." He said as Blue crashed to the ground. They both knew he'd be fine, seeing as one of the first things they learnt was how to fall to make sure vital things were protected, but Blue still squawked in response as White said a positive *'goodbye, red!'* to his disappearing figure. But Kai didn't feel like going home just yet. His sister Nya could handle herself for an extra ten minutes alone, right? She was fifteen. The view of the city was beautiful when the sun was setting and the city was just getting started for the night. Ninjago was resilient like that. Nya was resilient like that.

Kai jumped through the docks, still in his gi, then springing onto the roofs on the edge of the city. They were the more traditional ones, with slanted roofs and sliding doors, but it was really cool to see, even cooler to walk on. The shingles were also made of wood, because Garmadon didn't target that side of the city just because it was the outskirts. Kai progressed through the outskirts of Ninjago City, the roofs slowly climbing and the technology improving. It wasn't like Ninjago forgot about their past living like the outskirts, just added a bit of technology and awesome buildings with it.

He jumped over the gaps of buildings, seeing the advertisement signs with the news talking about the latest attack and The Secret Ninja Force, switching through that and an advertisement for some drink Kai already knew from the packaging he wouldn't be able to afford. He watched as the sky grew darker and the lights turned brighter, as he passed over the monorail and onto the bridge crossing a river.

Kai leaped onto an edge on a building, and he was up in the skies again. He jumped from ledges in apartments to tops of buildings, just enjoying the calm of the night and the durability of the citizens of Ninjago. He glanced in windows as he went, just admiring how domestic most were. A mother making dinner for her daughter as she tells her mother about her day. A couple talking to each other in a foreign language. A college student studying on his laptop. A dojo where some guy in brown was teaching kids with gis on. A girl on the phone while stirring her cup ramen. A mother embracing her son, Ll-Lloyd Garmadon?

Kai paused outside of that window.

"Mom, mom, it's fine! I was just drinking tea with Uncle Wu. I'm sorry I worried you." Lloyd hugged her back for a second before both let go.

"Okay, thank you for texting me baby! Now, I have omurice!" His mom went back to the kitchen, disappearing from Kai's view. Though, all he could really see was half of Mrs. Garmadon and a flash of green for Lloyd. He must really like bis boyfriend if he dresses in that colour. But, the Lloyd Garmadon Kai knew from rumours would've never let anyone call him that or apologize and hug his mom. Lloyd stepped more into Kai's view.

And for a split second, Kai could swear that the two locked eyes. Kai panicked and slipped off the windowsill, only catching himself on the washing line just a story below the Garmadon's window. He swung himself back onto the buildings with one question in mind.

'If Lloyd was really with Sensei Wu drinking tea, then where the hell was Greenie at that same time?'

+1 - Lloyd

There's something really embarrassing about your dad telling your friends baby stories about you but none of them know it's actually you.

"Hey, Green Ninja, since you're with my son I gotta tell you the embarrassing times he never told you about," Garmadon leaned on the side of the cage, making Blue struggle under the weight.

"What?" Lloyd whipped around to look at the group of them.

"Oh yeah! I forgot about that." Red noted.

"The article did come out only two weeks, one day, four hours, and fifty-three seconds ago." Answered White.

Lloyd rubbed the back of his neck, "there's no point in that, I'm not *dating* your son. And besides, I don't expect you to be a good father."

"Oh, come on, I have lots of things to share about La-loyd!" Garmadon crossed his four arms.

"Oh yeah? Like how you've never paid child support in your life?" Lloyd raised an eyebrow, though he was turned around. That brought around overlapping chatter, ranging from Blue's *'wait, what?'* to Red's *'you gonna explain how you know that, Greenie?* ' to White's confirmation that Garmadon had never supported Lloyd or his mom. "I bet you don't even know his birthday."

"Ohhh snap." Whispered Teal from her place on the back right of the cage.

"Oh come on, that's gotta be easy if you watch the news talking about daily birthdays." Black said, rolling his eyes.

Garmadon looked nervously from left to right. "Uhhh..." he stuttered. "Aaaaugust?"

"Day?" Lloyd slumped mid-step.

"Twenty- twenty something? Third? Fourth?" Garmadon blindly guessed.

Lloyd groaned loudly. "Do you even know how old he even is?"

"Well I mean I'd hope he's around your age. What, thirteen? Fourteen?" Garmadon grinned anxiously.

"Sixteen. His birthday was yesterday. May nineteenth." Lloyd sighed. It stung for some reason, his dad actually not remembering his birthday. "If you can't even remember how old he is, why should we trust anything you tell us about him?"

"That's a good point." Blue nodded.

"How about this time where his mom couldn't make it to school and I had to pick him up?" Garmadon suggested, leaning on the front right of the cage, where Black groaned over the extra weight. "Eh? Eh?"

"Wait, what?" Red looked over from the left front. "I wanna know how that happened."

"My ex-wife, Koko, was working late and couldn't pick him up." Garmadon dramatically started his story. "La-loyd was what, this lil kid with two missing teeth and couldn't even tie his own shoes, like the Green Ninja over there, you know?"

"Wonder why," Lloyd mumbled under his breath. Garmadon had already poked fun at how Lloyd stumbled over his laces from time to time.

"Anyway, she called me and told me to pick him up, and to text her the address I was bringing him to. She said around ten minutes or something, so I said 'sure, why not'." Told Garmadon.

"Wait, so you just left the volcano for Lloyd, or..?" Blue asked.

"What, no, there was also this huge magma spill in my volcano, so I was living in an apartment in the city." Garmadon shook his head. "Anyway, I told Koko the address, and she told me where to go."

"Wait, so you actually picked him up?" Black looked over at the warlord with widened eyes.

"When I got there, the streets were rioting. My kind of crowd. I attempted to socialize with the other parents, but I guess they were too busy screaming." Shrugged Garmadon.

"You caused five accidents on the way there." Lloyd deadpanned.

"Little things, little things." Tutted Garmadon. "Now, I look for this kid, and this boy comes up to me and tugs at my evil scarf and says in this high-pitch stupid, weak, feeble, puny, fragi-"

"Okay, okay, if you're gonna tell the story just get on with it or just be quiet!" Lloyd seethes.

"You know what your leader sounds like?" Garmadon taunted. "Just be quiet!" He says with a poorly imitated, high pitch voice of Kermit the Frog. The rest of the ninja burst out laughing.

"Maybe, maybe we could practice the art of being silent? A little?" Lloyd called over the hoots of laughter. Teal was wiping tears of laughter from her eyes. White was saying 'laugh out loud' over and over. Black was chuckling quietly. Red was shaking the cage as he bent over. Blue was tucking in on himself just with it all.

"A little?" Garmadon imitated in the same falsetto voice. The laughter continued. Lloyd quickened his pace.

"Green is right. We do not wish to disturb any wildlife that may pose a threat to us." White nodded after a few seconds, the amusement wiped from his face.

Garmadon groaned. "Party poopers. Anyway, that kid turned out to actually be mine, somehow. He said in his little kid voice, 'are you my dad?' and you know, I had to say yes or else Koko would kill me. But when I said yes, he just like. Took my hand. His hand was really tiny, almost like a grape. But I lead him back to the apartment I was staying at."

"Art of silence time, remember?" Lloyd shot a glare behind him.

"Party pooper, I wanna know what he did!" Blue almost seemed to have stars in his eyes.

"Well, while going back, I was like *'this cant actually be my kid'* because he was giggling all over the place like a little maniac and jumping over puddles and had a purple pastel bandaid on his hand. Also, his face was a weird shape. Like his mouth, it was going up instead of down." Garmadon reminisced.

"I believe that is called smiling." White supplied.

"Smiling..." Garmadon tested the word in his mouth. "Well, we got to the apartment I was at. I was living with Vinny of NGTV News, who had offered to house me after the magma thing."

"Wait, like Gale Gossip's cameraman?" Red raised an eyebrow.

"That's the one. I still talk to him from time to time." Garmadon answered. "But, La-loyd was bouncing all over the place as soon as he got in. Vinny was also doing the smiling thing, and grabbed an apple and used a knife to sharpen it."

"I... think that he was peeling the apple. For Lloyd to eat." Teal pointed out.

"Yeah, that's what happened. Anyway, when La-loyd settled down to eat, I was all like *'this cant be as bad as babysitting my nephew'*." Garmadon chuckled evilly.

"Wait, what? Backtrack, what do you mean, nephew?" Blinked Black.

"Morro." Lloyd supplied.

"Morro?!" The ninja gasped.

"That's his name. Thing destroyed everything." Garmadon huffed.

"Wait, how's Morro your nephew?" Blue asked.

"Morro's Sensei Wu's adopted son. You didn't know?" Lloyd cocked his head.

"Well, me and my brother should've swapped sons. That La-loyd... he laughed at everything he saw. Grabbed everything he saw. He drew pictures of flowers and cats." Garmadon shook his head, cartoonishly disappointed. "Wu's teenage son drew things of mutilated bodies and ghosts. My kind of kid. I wouldn't expect Wu to have a son like that. And I didn't expect me to have a son like him."

"Wait, so to make sure I'm clear." Red said slowly. "Lloyd Garmadon was a sweet kid who definitely would've been a better fit as Wu's son, Morro is actually Wu's son, and he would've been a better fit to be your kid?!"

"Yeah. Anyway, Koko came by fifteen minutes later to get this menace. Little monster snuck a bottle of green glitter back from school. There's still sparkles in that couch to this day." Groaned Garmadon.

"And... that's embarrassing how?" Lloyd snapped. It was pretty domestic, all things considered.

"His entire existence was an embarrassment." Garmadon shrugged.

Lloyd reached his absolute limit.

"Uh, guys? Anyone else think that Green's gonna snap any second or is it just me?" Stuttered Blue. As everyone focused in, they could see his shoulders shaking with rage and hands tighten into fists.

"I'm not a *fucking* embarrassment, dad!" Lloyd shouted as he ripped his mask off, twisting around.

A number of things happened at once.

The group of teenage ninja dropped the cage, with White's face turning into a beachball 'computing' look. Lloyd could see Red's jaw drop through the mask. Teal gasped out loud, hands flying to her face. Blue screamed. Black stepped away with shock, eyebrows raising to under the mask. Garmadon? All he could do was stare upon Lloyd's face, squinting and analyzing. A few seconds passed, the only sounds being Lloyd's heavy breaths and the crickets chirping along with the sunset. *'had they really been walking that long?'*

"La-loyd?"

"That's right. And it's Lloyd, *dad*. I just- I just wish you weren't my father, and that you didn't ruin my fucking life." Lloyd chuckled bitterly. His chest rose with small breaths.

"Oh my First Spinjitzu Master." Blue murmured under his breath, still staring at Lloyd's revealed face.

A minute rolled by. "Come on," Lloyd huffed, hunched position relaxing but waves of anger still rolling off of him, "we should make camp before it gets dark."

Everyone silently went to do their part of setting camp with no complaints, no talk, no jokes. Teal gathered water for them, as Red collected wood and started a fire. Black and White effectively made a shelter as Blue sorted through the little they had brought. Lloyd didn't miss the sideways stares they gave him as they did their jobs.

"La-loyd?" Garmadon said quietly as Lloyd placed some leaves overtop the cage.

"It's Lloyd." He fumed.

"Right. I- I guess I shouldn't have called you an embarrassment. Earlier. Even if I didn't know you were there." Garmadon scratched the back of his neck.

"It's fine. I should be used to it by now. You should'nt've been anyone different." Lloyd mumbled. He left for some more leaves before his father could reply.

"Gree- I mean, Lloyd, food's ready." Called Red. Lloyd gathered the last twig before heading back to their light source.

Black handed Lloyd some animal on a stick. Teal and White had identified them as safe to eat earlier. Lloyd glanced around at everyone. They all had their masks on still, making him and Garmadon the only known identities in the group.

Then, White took off his mask to take a bite. A series of yells came about.

"What? I do not see the point in hiding my true identity if we will be journying together, and Lloyd has been brave enough to reveal his own." White explained.

"Oh come on, this wasn't a grand reveal. We all knew it was you." Red rolled his eyes. To back Red up, White and Zane were both literal human computers, socially awkward, weird with slang, and an almost mechanical voice.

"Like yours would be better... Kai." Teal said with an amused tone.

"What?! How did you know?!" Red jumped away from Teal, who took off her mask.

"Kai. My brother. You put your gi in the laundry from Day 1. The laundry that *I* do." Teal deadpanned.

"Are you serious?!" Blue exclaimed. "I knew Red was stupid, but not this stupid!"

"Like you're any better... Jay!" Kai pointed a celebratory finger into Blue's chest.

"How?!" Blue removed his mask too.

"I saw you use lightning to power your phone at school!" Kai stood up to do a win dance, effectively tripping over a tree root.

"Wait, so you're telling me thag the only people who successfully hid their identities is me and Green?" Black breathed.

"Hey, I hid mine!" Teal smirked proudly.

"Gym class, two months ago. You poured water on yourself and all your strength was back." Black sat back, removing his mask.

"Oh come on!" Teal yelled.

"I mean, Lloyd here had the element of surprise. Like, nobody expected him to fight against his father!" Accused Kai.

"I- I'm right here." Lloyd glanced between his team.

"Right. Now I gotta put all of your civilian identities to match with you." Teal stared at each of them, probably committing them to memory.

"Hey! Wait!" Kai sat up, yelling. "You're Lloyd Garmadon!"

"Yeah, we made that clear, thank you." Lloyd said, expressionless.

"And the Green Ninja!" Kai shouted.

"...yes?"

"Five reasons the Green Ninja and Lloyd Garmadon are Dating! The article!" Kai pointed a finger at Lloyd. "What?!"

"Guess the reason I sneak into Lloyd Garmadon's window." Sighed Lloyd.

"Because you are Lloyd Garmadon!" Blue screamed. "Oh my First Spinjitzu Master!"

"You defended Lloyd in front of cameras and to us, because you are him!" Black realized.

"The reasoning behind your strange understanding of information from both identities is because you are the same person," gasped Zane.

"You're seen around where Gree- you fight because it's you." Kai's jaw dropped.

"Everyone thought you were dating yourself." Summarized Teal.

"Basically. Do you know how awkward it is when both parents give you a shovel talk about yourself when you're in different alternate identities?" Lloyd groaned.

"Oh my Father I gave you a shovel talk about yourself." Garmadon finallg understood.

"Yeah." Nodded Lloyd.

They finished their dinner on notes of sharing awkward or difficult times where both identities came into play, Garmadon sharing one or two story as well, as much as Lloyd disliked it.

The fire was put out, and the ninja settled under their leafy canopy with the larger ones used as blankets. Masks as pillows, they all slept as peacefully as a highschooler could in the middle of a humid and deadly forest with plants and animals ready to kill, along with their archenemy in a cage next to them and their teacher dead with their city burning.

"Hey... Garmadon?" Lloyd whispered into the night.

"Yes, La-loyd?" Lloyd jumped a little at the response.

"I remember. You picking me up. From school. I was seven. I got the bandaid because some kid punched me because my dad destroyed his dad's store, and they'd have to move because that store was their only source of income." Lloyd breathed out. "I got a tooth knocked out because a different kid pushed me, I took first in line instead of her."

"La-loyd..." Garmadon almost seemed speechless.

"I remember looking up to you as if you were the sun. I wanted to be you. I don't think I've been as happy as I was with you walking me back to your apartment in a very long time."

"..."

"I remember Vinny. He made little bunny ears from the apple, he didn't peel it." Lloyd remeninced. "He also gave me a little packet of gummies before mom picked me up. I never forgot that, it's still perfectly clear in my head years later."

"Lloyd, I-"

"I meant it." Lloyd said absentmindedly. "I really do wish you weren't my father. I could've lead a happy life. My mom could've been treated better than the shit she's gone through because of you."

"..."
"Just get some sleep. If you do actually sleep." Lloyd groaned, turning away from his dad.
Garmadon just listened to his son breathe next to him for the rest of the night.

Notes:

comments & kudos appreciated!

(oh, almost forgot - (tadaima and okaeri in pt 3 for lloyd and koko is something that me and my family do - it means 'im home' and 'welcome home' in japanese, and is the usually the first thing said when you enter a japanese household between family members/people who live there.) (and onigiri is riceballs, in japanese. my mom puts salmon in the middle for some more flavouring) just a personal touch to lloyd and kokos dynamics)

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